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### **Current Position**

Charles Jackson Granade and Elizabeth Donald Granade Professor in New Testament,  
Howard College of Arts and Sciences, Samford University.

### **Education**

Ph.D. New Testament and Formative Christianity, Emory University, August 2007.  
Dissertation: "The Moral World of James"; advisor: Luke Timothy Johnson  
M.A. Religious Studies (formative Judaism and Christianity), University of South Florida,  
December 1999.  
Thesis: "The Emergence of the Christian Basilica in the Fourth Century"; advisor: Jacob  
Neusner  
M.Div. (emphasis in pastoral care), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, December  
1991.  
B.A. Classics, Furman University, June 1985.

### **Academic Honors**

Charles Jackson Granade and Elizabeth Donald Granade Chair in New Testament, Howard  
College of Arts and Sciences, Samford University, 13 September 2017.  
Dean's Award for Research, Howard College of Arts and Sciences, Samford University, 5  
May 2015.  
Tenure, Samford University, August 2013.  
Theta Kappa Alpha, Alpha Iota Epsilon Chapter, Samford University, 15 April 2008.  
Emory University Graduate Fellowship, 2000–2004.  
Phi Kappa Phi, Chapter 126, University of South Florida, 21 March 1999.  
"High Honors," USF Comprehensive Examinations for Master of Arts, 1999.  
Phi Sigma Iota, Furman University, 1984.  
Eta Sigma Phi, Furman University, 1983.

### **Teaching Experience**

Samford University, Professor of Biblical and Religious Studies, Fall 2019–Present.  
Samford University, Associate Professor of Religion, Fall 2013–Summer 2019.  
Samford University, Assistant Professor of Religion, Fall 2007–Summer 2013.  
University of South Florida, Tampa campus, Department of Religious Studies, Adjunct  
Instructor, 2004–2005.  
Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida (Program for Experienced Learners), Department of  
Religion, Adjunct Instructor, 2004.

Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, Adjunct Instructor, 2003–2004; Teaching Assistant and Associate, 2000–2004.

University of South Florida, Tampa campus, Department of Religious Studies, Graduate Teaching Assistant, 1998–1999.

### **Archaeological Experience**

Director, The Shikhin Excavation Project, Israel, 2011–present (<https://shikhinexcavationproject.com/>).

Co-director (with James F. Strange), The University of South Florida Excavations at Sepphoris, Israel, 2010.

Field Supervisor, USF Excavations at Sepphoris, 2000 and 2009.

Area Supervisor, USF Excavations at Sepphoris, 1992–2000, 2009.

Area Supervisor, Excavations at Tel Migne Ekron, Israel, Spring Season 1994. Seymour Gittin and Trudy Dotan, Directors.

### **Other Professional Positions**

Secretary, Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, Israel, present.

Trustee, Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, Israel, 2022–present, 2019–2021

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Biblical Archaeology Review*, 2022–present.

Anonymous Peer Reviewer, *Bulletin of the American Society for Overseas Research*, 2019–present.

President, American Schools of Oriental Research, Southeastern Region, 2009–2010; 2015–2016.

Vice President, American Schools of Oriental Research, Southeastern Region, 2014–2015; 2008–2009.

### **Publications in Progress**

(co-editor with C. Thomas McCollough) *Textured History: Studies in the Archaeological, Historical, and Literary Context of the New Testament in Honor of the Work of James F. Strange*. Brepols.

(first author with Mordechai Aviam, C. Thomas McCollough, Yeshe Dray, Anastasia Shapiro, and Paulina Wołodźko) “Some Early Observations on the Production of Black- and red-Slipped Ceramics in the Lower Galilee During the Second Century CE.” In *From Artifact to History: Studies in the Hellenistic and Roman World and Beyond in honor of Andrea Berlin*. Edited by Matthew J. Adams, Yuval Gadot, Joe Uziel, and Yehiel Zeligler. Lockwood Press.

“John and the Geography of Palestine.” In Paul N. Anderson, ed. *Archaeology, John, and Jesus: What Recent Discoveries Show Us About Jesus from the Gospel of John*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

(second author with Penny Long Marler) “The American Archaeological Field School in Galilee: Pedagogical Goals, Educational Outcomes, and Participant Impact.” In C. Thomas McCollough and James Riley Strange, eds. *Textured History: Studies in the*

*Archaeological, Historical, and Literary Context of the New Testament in Honor of the Work of James F. Strange.* Brepols.

**Peer Reviewed Publications**

- 2024 (second author with Mordechai Aviam and C. Thomas McCollough). "Shiḥin — A Jewish Potters' Village in the Galilee and a Lamp Production Workshop." *Qadmoniot* 57/168: 36–46 [Hebrew].
- 2023 (second author with Mordechai Aviam) "A Roman Period Synagogue at Shiḥin." Pages 529–80 in Matthew J Grey, Dennis Jizzi, and Tine Rassalle, eds. *Pushing Sacred Boundaries in Early Judaism and Roman Palestine: Essays in Honor of Jodi Magness*. JSJSup. Leiden: Brill.
- 2021 "Evidence for a Second-Century CE Synagogue at Shiḥin." *Judaïsme ancien - Ancient Judaism. International Journal of History and Philology* 9: 49–80.
- 2017 (with Mordechai Aviam) "Shiḥin Excavation Project: Oil Lamp Production at Ancient Shiḥin." *Strata* 35: 63–99. Linked on-line to "Shikhin lamp kiln," *The Levantine Ceramics Project*. Accessed on 07 June 2018, <https://www.levantineceramics.org/kilns/shikhin-lamp-kiln>.

**Books Authored**

- 2023 *Excavating the Land of Jesus: How Archaeologists Study the People of the Gospels*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- 2010 *The Moral World of James: Setting the Epistle in its Greco-Roman and Judaic Environments*. Studies in Biblical Literature 136. New York: Peter Lang.
- 2000 *The Emergence of the Christian Basilica in the Fourth Century*. Binghamton, NY: Global Publications/State University of New York.

**Books Edited**

- 2015 (with David A. Fiensy) *Galilee in the Late Second Temple and Mishnaic Periods*, Volume 2: *Archaeological Record from Galilean Cities, Towns and Villages*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Press.
- 2014 (with David A. Fiensy) *Galilee in the Late Second Temple and Mishnaic Periods*, Volume 1: *Life, Culture, and Society*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Press.

**Articles in Academic Journals and Collections of Essays**

- 2022 "Refugees: The Missing Element in Discussions of the Galilean Economy in the Roman Period." Pages 140–63 in Thomas R. Blanton IV, Agnes Choi, and Jinyu Liu, eds. *Taxation, Economy, and Revolt in Ancient Rome, Galilee, and Egypt*. Routledge Monographs in Classical Studies. London: Routledge.
- 2015 "Kefar Shikhin." Pages 88–108 in David A. Fiensy and James Riley Strange, eds. *Galilee in the Late Second Temple and Mishnaic Periods*, Volume 2: *Archaeological Record from Galilean Cities, Towns and Villages*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Press.

- 2014 and 2015 (with David A. Fiensy) "Introduction to *Galilee*: Volumes 1 and 2." Pages 1–8 in David A. Fiensy and James Riley Strange, eds. *Galilee in the Late Second Temple and Mishnaic Periods*, Volumes 1 and 2. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Press.
- 2014 "Does Archaeology Generate Questions About Religion?" Pages 298–317 in Daniel Warner and Donald D. Binder, eds. *A City Set on a Hill: Essays in Honor of James F. Strange*. Mountain Home, AR: BorderStone Press, LLC.
- 2001 "Christianity: The Fourth Century Christian Basilica." Pages 89–138 in Jacob Neusner and James F. Strange, eds. *Religious Texts and Material Contexts*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America.
- 2001 (Second author with James F. Strange) "The Archaeology of Everyday Life at Qumran." Pages 45–73 in Alan J. Avery-Peck, Jacob Neusner, and Bruce D. Chilton, eds. *Judaism at Qumran: A Systemic Reading of the Dead Sea Scrolls Theory of Israel*. Vol. One: *Theory of Israel*. Handbuch der Orientalistik 5/1. Judaism in Late Antiquity vol. 56. Leiden: E. J. Brill.
- 2000 "Urbach's 'Sages' after Thirty Years." *Journal of Higher Criticism* 7.1: 85-92.
- 1999 "Defining Judaism in its Classical Age: What Is at Stake in the Academic Study of Religion." *Journal of Higher Criticism* 6.2: 175–85.
- 1999 "G. F. Moore and E. E. Urbach Revisited." *Annual of Rabbinic Judaism* 2: 141–59.
- 1997 "Even though there exists no explicit documentation for this claim, it is highly probable..." Problems with David Stern's *Parables in Midrash*." Pages 17–21 in *Approaches to Ancient Judaism: New Series*. Vol. 11. Ed. Jacob Neusner. Sub-Series: South Florida Studies in the History of Judaism. Ed. William Scott Green. Atlanta: Scholars Press.

### **Archaeological Field Reports**

- 2024 "Shihin–2014-19." *Hadashot Archeologiyot-Excavations and Surveys in Israel* 136. Available on-line at [https://www.hadashot-esi.org.il/report\\_detail\\_eng.aspx?id=26499&mag\\_id=137](https://www.hadashot-esi.org.il/report_detail_eng.aspx?id=26499&mag_id=137).
- 2019 "Shihin–2013." *Hadashot Archeologiyot-Excavations and Surveys in Israel* 131. Available on-line at [http://www.hadashot-esi.org.il/Report\\_Detail\\_Eng.aspx?id=25661&mag\\_id=127](http://www.hadashot-esi.org.il/Report_Detail_Eng.aspx?id=25661&mag_id=127).
- 2016 "Shihin–2012." *Hadashot Archeologiyot-Excavations and Surveys in Israel* 128. Available on-line at [http://www.hadashot-esi.org.il/report\\_detail\\_eng.aspx?id=25154&mag\\_id=124](http://www.hadashot-esi.org.il/report_detail_eng.aspx?id=25154&mag_id=124).
- 2012 "Shihin, Survey." *Hadashot Archeologiyot-Excavations and Surveys in Israel* 124. Available on-line at [http://www.hadashot-esi.org.il/report\\_detail\\_eng.aspx?id=2195&mag\\_id=119](http://www.hadashot-esi.org.il/report_detail_eng.aspx?id=2195&mag_id=119).

### **Book Reviews**

- 2018 Eric C. Lapp, *Sepphoris II: The Clay Lamps from Ancient Sepphoris: Light Use and Regional Interactions*. In *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews>].

org].

- 2010 Simmons, William A. *Peoples of the New Testament World: An Illustrated Guide*. In *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>].

### **Papers and Lectures Presented at Professional Conferences and Symposia**

- 2024 (with Mordechai Aviam, Yehoshua Dray, and C. Thomas McCollough). "Rural Production and Regional Distribution of Ceramic Oil Lamps in Roman Galilee." American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting. Boston, Massachusetts. 21 November.
- 2024 "Book Talk: Excavating the Land of Jesus." Lecture: Center for the Study of Religion, University of California, Los Angeles. 16 January. Los Angeles, California.
- 2023 (with Mordechai Aviam, Yehoshua Dray, C. Thomas McCollough, and Paulina Wołodźko) "A Preliminary Discussion of Ceramics Production at Kefar Shikhin." American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois. 16 November.
- 2022 "The 2022 Season of the Shikhin Excavation Project." American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting. Boston, Massachusetts. 18 November.
- 2019 "Report of the 2019 Season of the Shikhin Excavation Project." American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting. San Diego, California. 21 November.
- 2019 "Introduction to Oil Lamp Production and Distribution in Roman Galilee." Presented in "Small-scale Industries in the Galilee: Oil Lamp Manufacturing." Hands-on Workshop on Mold Design and Lamp Production. American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting. San Diego, California. 21 November.
- 2019 "Galilee Synagogues: Survey & Religion." Presented in "Ancient Synagogues and Churches in the Galilee." 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Archaeology Discovery Weekend. La Sierra University. 17 November.
- 2019 "A Second Century Synagogue at Kefar Shikhin." "Les premières synagogues en Galilée (Ier-IIIe siècles) : nouvelles perspectives." Colloque international à l'Université de Lausanne. Lausanne, Switzerland. 10 April.
- 2018 "Refugees: The Missing Element in Discussions of the Galilean Economy in the Roman Period." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado. 17 November (read in my absence by Tom McCollough).
- 2018 "A Small Kiln at Kefar Shikhin, Lower Galilee." American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado. 15 November.
- 2018 "A Kiln Dedicated to Lamp Production? The 2017 Season of the Shikhin Excavation Project." Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia. 3 March.
- 2017 "Oil Lamp Production at Kefar Shikhin." Clay Oil Lamps in the Roman Eastern Provinces—Production, Art and Distribution. International Researchers'

- Symposium Honoring Prof. James F. Strange for his many years of Galilean research. 14 December. Kinneret Academic College, Israel.
- 2017 "Report of the 2016 and 2017 Seasons of the Shihin Excavation Project." American Schools of Oriental Research annual meeting. Boston, Massachusetts. 16 November.
- 2017 "The Coin-ness of Coins: Origen, Archaeology, the New Testament, and the Liberal Arts at Samford University." Inaugural Lecture, Charles Jackson Granade and Elizabeth Donald Granade Chair of New Testament. Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama. 30 October.
- 2017 "Evidence for an Early Roman 2 Synagogue at Kefar Shihin." The 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Jewish Studies." Jerusalem, Israel. 9 August.
- 2017 "Oil Lamp Production at Ancient Shihin." Workshop on Galilean Archaeology. Kinneret Academic College on the Sea of Galilee, Israel. 18 May.
- 2017 (with Penny Long Marler) "The American Archaeological Field School in Galilee: Pedagogical Goals, Educational Outcomes, and Participant Impact." Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting. Raleigh, North Carolina. 4 March.
- 2016 (with Penny Long Marler) "The American Archaeological Field School in Galilee: Pedagogical Goals, Educational Outcomes, and Participant Impact." Research Symposium: Galilean Archaeology—Research, Education and Religion. Kinneret Academic College, Israel. July 24–July 25.
- 2016 "Four Campaigns at Shikhin: Answers and Questions." American Schools of Oriental Research, Southeastern Region, Presidential Address. Atlanta, Georgia. 5 March.
- 2015 "Report of the 2015 Season of the Shikhin Excavation Project." American Schools of Oriental Research annual meetings, Atlanta, Georgia. 19 November.
- 2014 "Lamp and Pottery Production at a Jewish Galilean Village: A Report of the 2014 Season of the Shikhin Excavation Project." American Schools of Oriental Research annual meetings. San Diego, California. 20 November.
- 2014 "Report of the 2013 Shikhin Excavation Project." Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion annual meeting Atlanta, Georgia, 8 March.
- 2014 (Second author with Mordechai Aviam; read *in absentia* by Mickey Osband) "Evidence for Oil Lamp Production at the Galilean Jewish Village of Shikhin, Near Sepphoris." Roman Pottery in the Near East: Where, Whence, Whither? Second Round Table, Amman, Jordan, February 17.
- 2012 "Preliminary Report of the 2012 Excavations at Shikhin." American Schools of Oriental Research annual meeting. Chicago, Illinois. 15 November.
- 2011 "Archaeology and the Gospel of John." Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting. San Francisco, California. 21 November.
- 2011 "Archaeology and the Epistle of James." Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion annual meeting. Louisville, Kentucky. 5 March.

- 2010 "Economics and the Archaeological Field School: Some Thoughts on the Production and Consumption of Education in the 21st Century." Presidential Address, American Schools of Oriental Research-Southeastern Region annual meeting. Atlanta, Georgia. 6 March.
- 2009 "Digging up Metaphors: A Proposal for the Archaeology of Religion." Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting. 21 November. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2008 "Church, Cardo, and Processionals: Constantine's Basilicas as Solid Metaphors," American Schools of Oriental Research annual meeting. November. Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2008 "A Theology of Reconciliation: Sin, Sickness, and Healing in the Epistle of James." Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion annual meeting. March. Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2001 "Building Christianity: The Christian Basilica," Religious Texts and Material Contexts conference. University of South Florida. St. Petersburg, Florida. February.
- 2000 "Artifacts and Texts: Asking the Wrong and the Right Questions in Religious Studies," Integrating Biblical Studies and Archaeology panel discussion. Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion annual meeting. March. Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1999 "The Limitations of Social Models as 'Background' in New Testament Studies: A Critical Reading of Richard Horsley and Bruce Malina." Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion annual meeting. March. Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

### **Entries in Dictionaries and Encyclopedias**

- 2006–2009 *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*. Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, General Editor. Nashville: Abingdon Press. Articles contributed: "Aelius Aristides," "Aemilius Paullus," "Beautiful Gate," "Cauda," "Corner Gate," "Danaos," "Dok," "Dorymenes," "Dried Grapes," "Early Rain, Rains," "En-Shadud," "En-Shemesh," "En-Tappuah," "Ephraim Gate," "Fish Gate," "Benjamin Gate," "Foundation, Gate of the," "Fountain Gate," "Gate between the Two Walls," "Gate of Samaria," "Guard, Gate of the," "Joseph Gate," "Muster Gate," "Naphtali Gate," "New Gate," "Nicanor Gate," "North Gate," "Old Gate," "Potsherd Gate," "Shallecheth, Gate of," "Sheep Gate," "Sur Gate," "Upper Gate."
- 2002 "Ancient Judaisms-Modern Syntheses." Pages 1605–1612 in Jacob Neusner *et al.*, eds. *The Encyclopedia of Judaism, Supplement One*. Vol. IV. 4 vols. New York: Continuum.
- 1999 *Merriam-Webster's Encyclopedia of World Religions*. Wendy Doniger, Consulting Editor. Springfield, Mass.: Merriam-Webster, Inc.. Articles edited and/or revised: "Aaron," "Adam and Eve," "Ahab," "Ahaz," "Amalekite," "Amidah," "Ammonite," "Amos," "Anathema," "Ark of the Covenant," "Asher," "Asmodeus," "Balaam," "Benjamin," "Bethel," "Dan," "David," "Eden, Garden of," "Ephraim," "Esau," "Essene," "Gad," "Gedaliah, Fast of," "Gehenna," "Golem," "Get," "Gideon," "Habdalah," "Hagar," "Hannah," "Hanukkah," "Hasidean," "Heller, Yom Tov Limann ben Nathan ha-Levi,"

“Hezekiah,” “High Priest,” “Isaac,” Issachar,” “Jacob,” “Jehoram,” “Jehoshaphat,” “Jephthah,” “Jeremiah,” “Jesse,” “Joab,” “Joshua,” “Judah,” “Ketubim,” “Kohen,” “Leah,” “Naphtali,” “Nehemiah,” “Noahide Laws,” “Manasseh,” “Manna,” “Manual of Discipline,” Mendelssohn, Moses,” “Methuselah,” “Midianite,” “Reuben,” “Rosenweig, Franz,” “Shema,” “Shofar,” “Shulhan ‘Arukh’,” “Simeon,” “Talmud Torah,” “Ten Lost Tribes of Israel,” “Thirteen Articles of Faith,” “Twelve Tribes of Israel,” “Uzziah,” “Yom Kippur,” “Zerubbabel”

- 1994 “Kefar Bar’am.” Pages 364–65. “Nizzana.” Pages 455–56. “Qasrin.” Pages 511–12 in *Macmillan Dictionary of Judaism in the Biblical Period*. Ed. Jacob Neusner. New York: Macmillan.

### **Book Manuscripts Reviewed or Endorsed**

- 2024 (endorsed) Culpepper, R. Alan. *The People of the Parables: Galilee in the Time of Jesus*. Westminster John Knox Press.
- 2019 (endorsed) Ramos, Alex J. *Torah, Temple, and Transaction: Jewish Religious Institutions and Economic Behavior in Early Roman Galilee*. Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield, 2020.
- 2017 (endorsed) Fiensy, David. *Insights from Archaeology: Reading the Bible in the Twenty-First Century*. Minneapolis, Minn.: Fortress Press.
- 2013 (reviewed) Walker, Donald Dale. *Seeing the Obvious: Seven Theses on the New Testament*. Anselm Academic. Published as *Beyond the Obvious: Doorways to Understanding the New Testament*. Winona, Minn.: Anselm Academic, 2014.

### **Unpublished Manuscript**

- 2019 (with James F. Strange, Thomas R. W. Longstaff, and Dennis E. Groh) “The Shikhin Excavation Project Manual for Area Supervisors (Formerly the Excavations at Sepphoris Manual for Area Supervisors).” Available for download at <https://shikhinexcavationproject.com/>.

### **Publications and Presentations in Popular Media and Gatherings**

- 2025 “Exploring Jesus’s Hometown.” *Biblical Archaeology Review* 51 no. 2 (Summer): 20–21.
- 2025 “Jerusalem Pilgrimage in Jesus’s Time.” Symposium lecture, “The Life of Jesus in History and Archaeology: A Conference with the Biblical Archaeology Society.” Museum of the Bible, 17 May. Washington, D.C.
- 2024 (with Mordechai Aviam and C. Thomas McCollough): “‘No One Puts a Lamp Under a Basket’: Jewish Lamp Production in a Galilean Potters’ Village.” Museum of the Bible, 20 January. Washington, D.C.
- 2024 Interviewed for article: DJangi, Parissa. “Who was Mary Magdalene? Historians are still trying to figure that out.” *National Geographic*. Premium Content: History & Culture. 29 March 2024.  
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/premium/article/who-was-mary->



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- 2023 "Excavating the Land of Jesus – part 1"; "Excavating the Land of Jesus – part 2." Interview on The Book & The Spade weekly news/interview program. 29 November. <http://www.radioscribe.com/bknspace.htm>.
- 2023 "Archaeology and the Gospels with James Strange." Episode of The Two Testaments Podcast. 19 April. <https://thetwotestaments.com/archaeology-and-the-gospels-with-james-strange/>.
- 2023 "A Pilgrim on Pilgrimage: The Holy Land's Allure in Ancient and Modern Times." Sunday Forum. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Birmingham, AL, 22 January. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tokwbNPZuIA>.
- 2021 "Actual and Experimental Archaeology: Lamp Manufacturing in the Galilee in the Roman Period." Webinar presented for the Biblical Archaeology Society Spring Virtual Bible and Archaeology Fest. 23 April. <https://events.zoom.us/j/7125454545>
- 2021 "Synagogues as Jesus Knew Them." Webinar presented for the American Society of Overseas Research Webinar Series. 2 December. <https://www.asor.org/foa/webinars>.
- 2021 "Pottery." *Bible Odyssey*. A publication of the Society of Biblical Literature. <https://www.bibleodyssey.org/places/related-articles/pottery>.
- 2020 "Shedding Light on Judean Refugees." *Biblical Archaeology Review*. 46 no. 2 (Spring): 18–19.
- 2018 "Judíos y romanos en la Palestina de Jesús." *Desperta Ferro–Arqueología e Historia* 18 (April): 6–11.
- 2015 "Shikhin Excavation with James R. Strange." Interview with Brian Leport posted at Ancient Jew Review Internet Blog. 22 July; [http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2015/7/19/shikhin-excavations-with-james-r-strange?utm\\_content=buffera3908&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2015/7/19/shikhin-excavations-with-james-r-strange?utm_content=buffera3908&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer); accessed 13 August 2015.
- 2015 "Shikhin Between Jews and Romans." *The Ancient Near East Today: Current News about the Ancient Past*. III.9 (2015); <https://www.asor.org/anetoday/2015/09/shikhin-between-jews-and-romans/>.
- 2015 "Galilee in the Time of Jesus." Classical Timeline Project. 30 March; <http://www.classicaltimeline.co.uk/timeline.html>; accessed 13 August 2015. Note: this website is no longer accessible.

**Grants**

2009–2016 The Fund for Biblical Archaeology: \$1,000 annually. Total: \$10,000. Funded.

2016 Samford University Innovative Technology Grant (with Brian Gregory, Chemistry and Biochemistry): “Provenience Study of Ancient Pottery Using ICP-OES.” \$4,000. Funded

2016 Samford University Faculty Development Grant (with Brian Gregory, Chemistry and Biochemistry): “Facilitating Student Research and Education in Elemental Analysis: Acquisition of Supplementary Instrumentation for Optical Atomic Emission and X-ray Fluorescence.” \$4,422.20. Funded.

2015 Samford University Faculty Development Grant (with Brian Gregory, Chemistry and Biochemistry): “Samford University-Student Training in Archaeological Research (SU-STAR).” \$4,000. Not funded.

2015 Samford University William E. and Wylodine H. Hull Fund for Christian Scholarship Grant: “Research Symposium: Galilean Archaeology: Theological Education, Science Education, and Tourism.” \$14,000. Not funded.

2015 NEH Collaborative Research Grant: “Southern Refugees in the North: The Flight of Judeans to Galilee after the Fall of Jerusalem – Evidence from a Galilean Town.” \$277,566/three years. Not funded.

2015 American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant: “War and Refugee Migration in the Middle East: Evidence from a Jewish Village in Roman Period Galilee.” \$6,000. Not funded.

2015 International Catacomb Society Shohet Scholars Program Grant: “Southern Refugees in the North: Shikhin as a Test Case for Migration after 70.” \$22,011. Not funded.

2014 NEH Collaborative Research Grant: “Economic Resistance vs. Military Insurgency: Archaeological Exploration of a Jewish Village in Roman Galilee.” \$272,515/three years. Not funded.

2014 Samford University Innovative Technology Grant (with Jennifer Rahn, Geography): “Training Students in the Use of High-Accuracy (sub-foot resolution) Trimble Geo 7X Global Positioning System (GPS) Handheld Receiver.” \$9,820. Funded.

Raised an additional \$4,798 from Arts and Sciences for the purchase of a more sensitive piece of equipment (centimeter resolution).

2014 American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant: “Insurgency, Resistance, or Coexistence? Jewish Village Life in Roman Galilee 37 BCE to 363 CE.” \$6,000. Not funded.

2014 International Catacomb Society Shohet Scholars Program Grant: “A Light Among the Gentiles: Pottery and Lamp Production at a Galilean Jewish Village.” \$20,455. Not funded.

2013 NEH Collaborative Research Grant: “Economic Resistance vs. Military Insurgency: Archaeological Exploration of a Jewish Village in Roman Galilee.” \$286,927.80/three years. Not funded.

- 2013 American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant: "Excavation and Preservation of Shikhin." \$6,000. Not funded.
- 2013 Samford University Faculty Development Grant: "Archaeology and the New Testament: Windows into Earliest Christianity." \$3,000. Funded.
- 2013 Samford University Innovative Technology Grant (with Jennifer Rahn, Geography): "Training Students in the Integration of GPS Technology and Surveying with Total Station Optical Instruments." \$3,568. Funded.
- 2011 Samford University Faculty Development Grant: "Economy as Identity in Roman Galilee: The Coins of Shikhin." \$2,000. Funded
- 2011 Samford University Innovative Technology Grant (with Tommy Tarvin, Physics): "Training Students in Remote Sensing Technologies in Archaeology." \$1,000. Funded.
- 2011 Samford University Faculty Development Grant: "Archaeological Survey of Shikhin, Israel." \$2,000. Funded.
- 2010 Samford University Faculty Development Grant: "GPS Survey of Shikhin, Israel." \$2,867. Not funded.
- 2010 NEH Summer Stipend Grant: "Archaeological Survey of the Ancient Site of Shikhin, Israel." \$3,000. Not funded.
- 2010 NEH Collaborative Research Grant: "Archaeological Survey of the Ancient Site of Shikhin, Israel." \$206,418/three years. Not funded.
- 2010 Archeological Institute of America Site Preservation Grant. "Archaeological Survey of the Ancient Site of Shikhin, Israel." \$25,000. Not funded.
- 2009 Alabama Humanities Foundation: "Academic Conference: The Future of American Archaeology in the Levant." \$7,592. Not funded.

### **Students Mentored**

- 2024 (with Brian Gregory, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry) William Spanier and Sam Kuykendall, "Developing a Method for the Complete Acid-Digestion of Ceramic Samples Collected from Ancient Jewish Archaeological Sites." Student Poster Presentation, Samford Student research Colloquia, 29 April.
- 2018 (with Brian Gregory, Chemistry and Biochemistry) Jewel Trail, ASPIRE Grant: "ICP Analysis of Pottery from a Roman Period Galilean Site"
- 2017 (with Brian Gregory, Chemistry and Biochemistry) Johnny Herbert, ASPIRE Grant: "ICP Analysis of Pottery from a Roman Period Galilean Site"
- 2017 (with Don Bradley, Sociology) Jacob Landen, ASPIRE Grant: "Judean Refugees and Lamp Production in Second Century Galilee"
- 2012 Rachel Smith, ASPIRE Grant: "The Date of a Tomb at Shikhin"
- 2011 Rachel Smith, SURP Grant: "The Location of the Tombs of Kefar Shikhin, Israel"

(proposal accepted but unable to participate for health reasons)

2010 Aaron Carr, SURP Grant: "A Reconstruction of the Field V Basilica at Sepphoris, Israel"

**Membership in Learned Societies**

ASOR (American Schools of Oriental Research)

IES (Israel Exploration Society)

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